

COMMENT OF THE DAY

U.S. Economic Policy

PRESIDENT Eisenhower has presented Congress with details of the Republican Administration's new foreign economic programme—and it is interesting to note that it is virtually the same as that which he presented to Congress in March of last year. He has made one important addition and that is the proposal to establish an international finance corporation to encourage the investment of private capital abroad. It would be tempting to conclude, following the surprisingly good reception the programme has already received from Republican and Republican congressional leaders, that the President's plans are assured of success. Last year, it will be recalled, Protectionist elements within the Congress forced the President to defer the programme and the only consolation (and a poor one at that) for the free trade protagonists was that the President's tariff cutting powers were extended for one year. This year the situation has certainly changed in Mr. Eisenhower's favour. His personal support within the party and the country has improved considerably since last year. Again, the low tariff Democratic Party now controls the Congress instead of the largely high tariff Republican Party which would also suggest that he is now assured of some measure of success with this "top priority" programme. There is a final point in Mr. Eisenhower's favour also brought about by the recent elections and that is the chairmanship of the various Congressional committees has changed and the advocates of free trade occupy the positions formerly held by the opponents.

BUT political observers in Washington do not believe that the alignment of the opposing forces has changed sufficiently to guarantee complete approval of the programme. High tariff partisans seem to be better organised than the free trade group and it is reasonable to expect that in each constituency likely to be adversely affected by increased foreign imports, the Protectionists will exert powerful pressure on members of Congress. Individuals high tariff supporters may be expected to use some strong levers in their attempts to undermine the position of the free traders. As a result there is no feeling of certainty in Washington that the programme will receive immediate and overwhelming approval.

THE proposals as a whole appear as a realistic attempt to do away with what Mr. Eisenhower described as the "numerous uneconomic man-made barriers to mutually advantageous trade." Particularly welcome is his proposal to offer inducements to American investors to send their capital overseas for as the President points out this is an essential requirement of a vigorous scheme to promote the economic improvement of the free world. The programme can hardly be criticised as being too sudden and its instigators too impetuous. The Western world particularly has been waiting for this plan ever since the Republicans came to office. And its eventual success should ensure a more economically stable Europe and bring the currencies one stage nearer to fruition. Some nations may complain that the American proposals offer no early promise of one trade barrier being lifted—the embargo on the export of strategic goods to Iron Curtain countries. This is however more of a political question than a purely economic one and is a subject for separate discussion. In fact, talks on this very question are in progress now in London and Paris. One observation on the embargo: many will agree that the time is now appropriate for a sensible re-evaluation of the word "strategic." Undoubtedly the Americans may feel that the new foreign economic programme will, if successfully implemented, provide adequate compensation for the losses suffered in trade with the Communists. That may be so; but the fact remains that the barrier exists and it is becoming increasingly difficult to remove.

# INVADERS MARCH INTO COSTA RICA

## Nicaragua Charged With Promoting Aggression TOWN REPORTED TAKEN

Washington, Jan. 12.

Costa Rica claims that an invading force crossed the Nicaraguan border yesterday. The armed force made a deep penetration and took a small town, Villa Quesada.

There were then these dramatic developments:

- Costa Rica almost immediately severed diplomatic relations with Nicaragua;
- Costa Rica appealed for United States military assistance to repel the "forces of invasion" but the American Government announced it refused to take sides in the dispute;
- The Council of the Organisation of American States, which met immediately reports of the invasion were received in Washington, voted unanimously to intercede in the quarrel;
- A commission composed of representatives of five American Governments was designated to leave immediately for Costa Rica and Nicaragua for a first-hand investigation of the differences between the two countries.

Mr. Fernando Fournier, Costa Rica's Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, told the session of the council of American States as it began:

"Costa Rica has been invaded. Our fears expressed to the council yesterday have been realised and blood is flowing in our country."

"So we have come again to the council to ask for immediate action and the protection we feel we should get under the inter-American system."

ACCUSED OF LYING  
Dr. Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa, Ambassador of Nicaragua, accused Costa Rica of "lying without shame". Nicaragua emphatically denied that Villa Quesada had been taken by troops from Nicaragua.

A communiqué from the Costa Rican Foreign Ministry said earlier that the Villa Quesada garrison and people put up a "futile resistance."

In San Jose, Costa Rica, President Jose Figueres said the invasion was the start of an "aggression which has been in preparation for several years."

USING PLANES

He said that the invaders were using several small transport planes and that their immediate objective was to establish a landing field in the Villa Quesada area as a base to develop the invasion.

"We are preparing to meet them with all possible means," Mr. Figueres said.

Government troops have been dispatched against the invaders but apparently had not yet made contact.

The United Press manager for Mexico, Robert Prescott,

Aneurin Bevan Says:

'Britain Will Last 32 Hours If War Is Declared'

London, Jan. 11. Mr. Aneurin Bevan, left-wing Socialist leader, predicted in a speech at Harleston in Norfolk tonight that in the event of war, England would only last 32 hours.

"You will see in a few weeks' time," he declared, "when the Government while paper on civil defence is out, that all possibility of effective defence will be abandoned."

Stressing that the people must realise that the war between the nations is no longer a matter of policy but an act of self-defence, Mr. Bevan added: "No nation can win the war."

He admitted that Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill was anxious to meet the Russians and declared, "If the Prime Minister had his own way he would meet them. But he is stopped. Who stops him? The Americans."—France-Press.

said many of the troops taking part in the attack were believed to have been recruited in Mexico City, in Guatemala and Nicaragua. He said the attackers expected to overthrow President Jose Figueres within a few days but to do so might have to bomb San Jose with their dive-bombers.

Mexico City sources said the plan of attack called for three comparatively small groups of soldiers, well armed with rapid-fire burst guns, to be flown into Costa Rica and, to move as a spearhead, toward the capital from three different directions.

A revolutionary source said President Figueres was considered "too leftist."

Nicaraguan radio stations at Managua broadcast reports that a revolution had broken out at Villa Quesada and three other points in Costa Rica. Other sources denied any knowledge that the invading army had crossed into Costa Rica from Nicaragua.

Officials here said full identification of the invading force had yet to be made but that there was only possible source of the invasion.

NO LONGER WELCOME

In replying to the Organisation of American States last Sunday, President Figueres said a "mercenary force" was concentrated on Lake Nicaragua, ready to invade Costa Rica.

The invasion came only a few hours after Alfonso Ordoñez Urbina, Nicaraguan Charge d'Affaires, left for home at the request of the Costa Rican Government. He was declared no longer welcome in this country because of his alleged mixing in domestic politics.

Reuter reports from San Jose in Costa Rica said Costa Rican troops commanded by the Public Works Minister, Francisco Orlich, are trying to surround about fifty rebels who seized Villa Quesada in a dawn attack.

BUILDING AIRSTRIPS  
The Costa Rican Government is also using local DC-3 aircraft to bomb and strafe the rebels, who are reported to be building airfields.

All airport and strategic points in the tiny Central American Republic were yesterday put under heavy guard in face of fears of a general invasion from across the Nicaraguan border.

The Cabinet and general staff are in permanent session and thousands of volunteer reservists have been mobilised to reinforce the 8,000 strong Civil Guard, recently retrained with nearly 2,000,000 worth of U.S. machine guns, mortars and bazookas—All Agencies.

## Temperature Hits 26.5 Record Cold In Hongkong

Last night the temperature dropped to 26.5 degrees F in Hong Kong. It was the lowest atmospheric temperature ever recorded in the colony.

While frost appeared in many parts of the valley, Happy Valley racecourse was also covered with white hoar frost this morning. Colonel H.B.L. Dowling O.B.E. who is clerk of the course said: "I have never seen anything like it before and I have been here 49 years."

The lowest figure at the Royal Observatory yesterday was 37.0, showing no drop from the day before, with a maximum of 58.7.

There was much wind in Hong Kong, Mr. G. S. P. Hayward, Director of the Royal Observatory said, so the cold air accumulated in the sheltered valley.

Getting Warmer

It was 61 years ago, on January 16, 1892, that the lowest temperature of 22.0 was recorded. Since then, 27.5 was recorded in January of 1900, and the third coldest day was the day before yesterday, with a temperature of 37.6.

Taken at six o'clock this morning the temperature was 44.6, higher than yesterday, and it is likely to get slightly warmer in Hong Kong, Mr. Hayward said, as the monsoon winds blowing along the China coast have been weakening during the last 24 hours.

## Lennox Boyd Tells America About British Colonial Policy

Washington, Jan. 11. Mr. Alan Lennox Boyd, Britain's Secretary of State for the Colonies, said today that all British colonial parties were "irrevocably committed" economically and morally, to a policy of growing independence for the Colonial empire.

And we have no intention whatever of going back on that," he added in an interview televised in London and shown by a local Washington television station.

The interview was the first of a series with British leaders being distributed by the British Information Services to local television stations throughout the United States.

NOT ANTIQUE

Mr. Lennox Boyd, explaining Britain's policy towards the Colonies, said that to Americans the word "colonialism" means—whether furniture china or ideas—something antique and certainly smacking of domination.

"To us it means, in the old Latin sense, a cultivator," he added. "We have often had to cultivate pretty stony ground."

Mr. Lennox Boyd emphasised that Britain did not interfere with local Governments, unless as happened in British Guiana, where non-interference would lead to the establishment of a Communist regime.

A DUTY  
Discussing the duty of progress towards the eventual independence of the Colonies, he said: "We are duty-bound to see that the interests of all the people are looked after, not just of the people who happen to be the leading political figures of the time, particularly in societies that are gradually developing."

He said that the British Government was not averse to making suggestions and proposals, but that it was not its duty to impose its views on other countries.

## 'Hammarskjold Has Made Progress': Official

## RED CHINA MAY OFFER TO EXCHANGE AIRMEN FOR STUDENTS

London, Jan. 11.

Reuter reported today that Communist China was about to launch a campaign aimed at the exchange of the 11 American airmen imprisoned in Peking for Chinese students held in the United States.

Meanwhile in New York, a United Nations spokesman, has commented on reports that Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, U.N. Secretary-General, had failed in his Peking talks to obtain the release of the 11 imprisoned airmen.

"The Secretary General has been heard of them before today."

"He was asked by the General Assembly to seek by the means most appropriate in his judgment continuing and unremitting efforts for the release of the 11 airmen and other United Nations prisoners still detained."

"The talks in Peking were 'useful' towards this end. They established a basis upon which further progress can be made."

OTHER INFORMATION

The spokesman added that his statement was based on the joint communiqué issued yesterday on their talks by Mr. Hammarskjold and Mr. Chou En-lai, the Chinese Prime Minister, "and other information that we have received at Headquarters that I am not at liberty to disclose."

Asked whether he meant progress towards the early liberation of the prisoners, the spokesman said he meant exactly what the General Assembly had said: "to get slightly warmer in Hong Kong, Mr. Hayward said, as the monsoon winds blowing along the China coast have been weakening during the last 24 hours."

The spokesman's statement, related to an American news agency report originating from London to the effect that unnamed diplomatic sources said that apparently Mr. Hammarskjold had failed to win the airmen's immediate release.

CHINA'S CAMPAIGN

Communist China is about to launch a campaign aimed at the exchange of 11 American airmen for Chinese students held in the United States, it was believed in London today.

China's official mouthpiece, the New China News Agency, today reported a protest letter signed by eight students who have returned home from America.

It reported that a large number of students were being kept in the United States and added: "We demand the United States to stop immediately its unjustifiable act of forcibly holding back Chinese."

A POINTER?

Coming on the heels of Mr. Dag Hammarskjold's departure from Peking, after seeking the airmen's release, the protest was seen here as a pointer to the Chinese attitude.

Observers suggested it was the first shot in a new Communist Chinese propaganda campaign aimed at striking a bargain.

The first students returned to China from America reached

home last June. Nothing had been heard of them before today.

Mr. Hammarskjold is likely to wait until his return to New York before he attempts to clarify publicly the cryptic joint communiqué which emerged from his talks in Peking.

Meanwhile a U.N. spokesman's statement (reported above) today provided more support to the view that the Secretary General is bringing back with him for discussion with the United States and possibly other allied Governments the terms on which the Chinese have said they would be prepared to consider releasing the airmen.

What Happened To The OTHER Burgess Letters?

From Our Own Correspondent London, Jan. 11.

Gay Burgess, the missing diplomat, who has been Christmas letters to his mother in London for two years, ran into trouble several years ago. It was disclosed today that he had been through the Red Curtain.

His mother, Mrs. J. R. Burgess, said in her letter to the London Evening Standard, "In this second letter, Gay says he wrote to me before Christmas, 1953. I didn't get those other letters and I don't know how many there were—he didn't say."

"My son did not know. I had received his 1953 message until it was published in newspapers."

NO INDICATION  
Mrs. Burgess said tonight: "There is nothing in the letter to indicate where my son is or what he's doing. He gave me no hint at all."

It is thought that Burgess, former second secretary at Washington, may be advising Russia on Western affairs.

Ship In Distress

San Francisco, Jan. 11.

The s.s. Unlung, registry undetermined, radioed it was taking in water and listing seriously about 111 miles northwest of Okinawa, the Coast Guard said today.—United Press.

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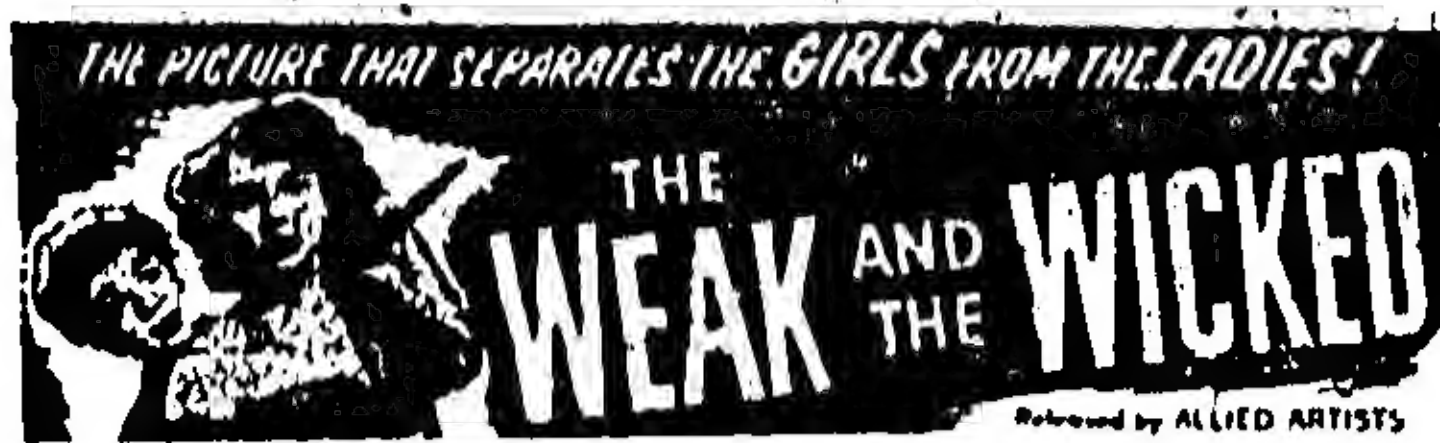
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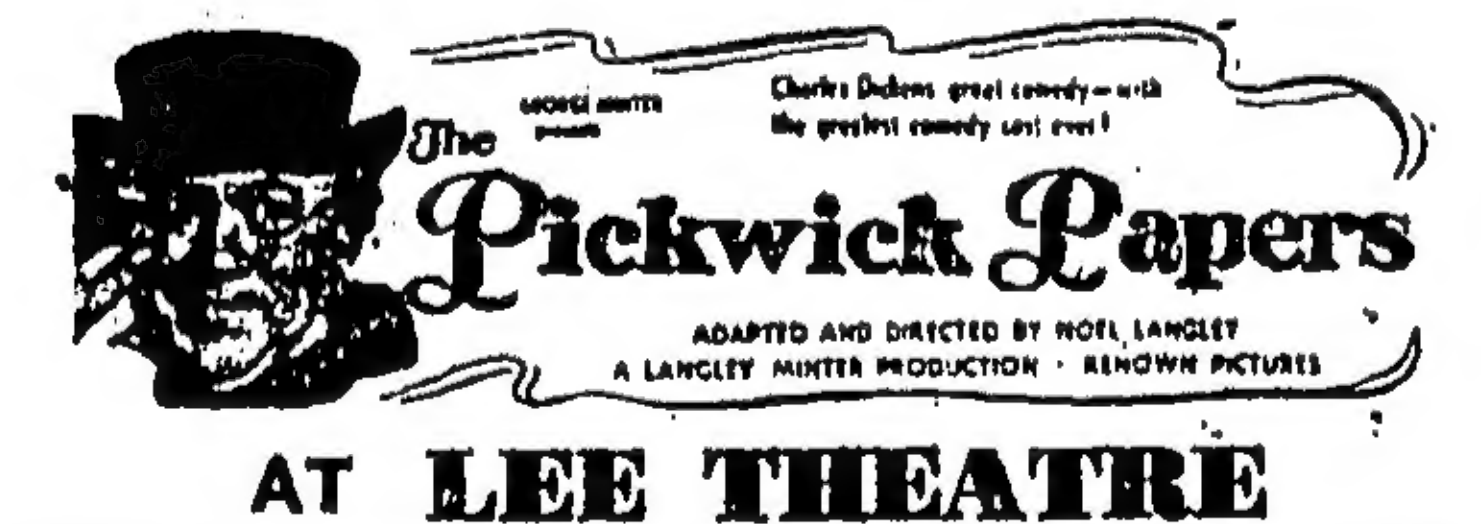
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TO-MORROW "PASSION"

## AID PLAN FOR ASIA

## Stassen In Paris To Discuss Vast Programme

## MARSHALL PLAN LINES

Paris, Jan. 11.

The U.S. Mutual Security Director, Mr Harold Stassen, flew here tonight for a major economic meeting to talk about convertibility and the possibility of a vast new Allied Marshall Plan for Asia.

Mr Stassen's first official meeting will be with the other 13 OEEC (Organisation for European Economic Co-operation) Finance Ministers tomorrow at 10.30 a.m. to hear the report of a study group on convertibility.

But American sources said the FOA chief also would confer here with his European colleagues on President Dwight Eisenhower's proposals for economic aid to the underdeveloped countries of Southeast Asia as part of a positive programme to stop Communist aggression in the area.

Stassen here said he would ask the Western European countries which benefitted from the Marshall Plan to support the United States both morally and financially in the vast economic aid programme envisioned for the Far East.

## TALKED WITH BUTLER

Mr Stassen has already discussed it with the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr R.A. Butler.

The FOA chief arrives in Paris in the wake of Mr Eisenhower's plan to Congress yesterday for freer world trade and a reduction of U.S. tariffs by 15 per cent within the next three years. But there was some hesitation in official quarters on the proposal for channelling so much aid to Asia at the probable expense of Western Europe.

Sources said Mr Stassen would brief the other Foreign Ministers on the U.S. plan for Asian aid in greater detail and try to win their help.

The United States would like all members of the Western alliance to share the responsibility for increasing capital investments and improving living conditions in the underdeveloped Asian areas.

Mr Stassen and the American delegation are expected to throw their weight in favour of greater convertibility of monies when the official OEEC meetings open on Thursday afternoon.

They will also back a proposition by the Steering Board for Trade which recommends that trade liberalisation figures be boosted to 90 per cent except

in three special categories—raw materials, manufactured goods and foodstuffs.—United Press.

## Vertical Jet Plane Development In United States

Washington, Jan. 11.

The Air Force disclosed today that it has ordered development of a jet aeroplane which can rise and land vertically without benefit of a runway.

It apparently will be the first jet military vertical take-off (VTO) plane.

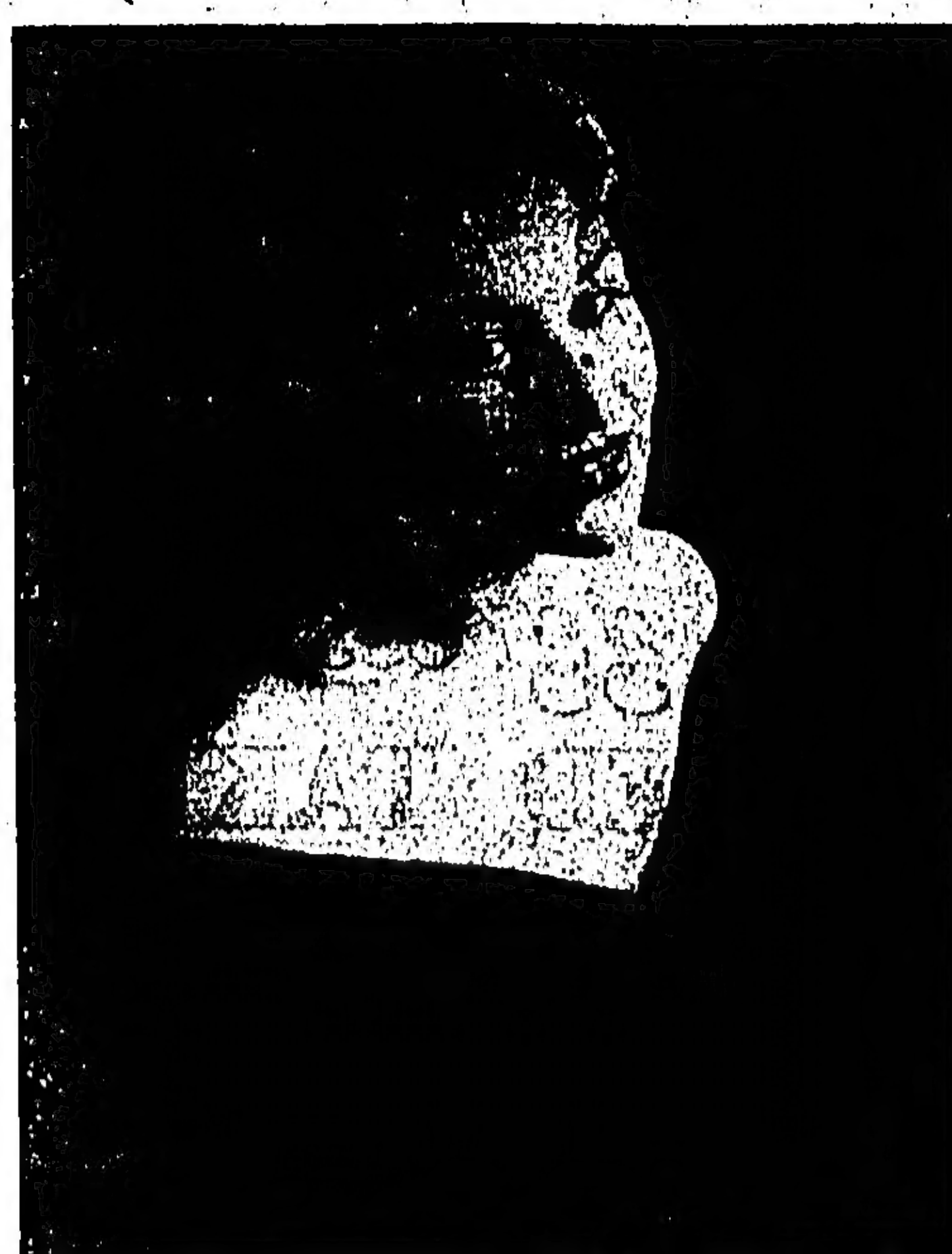
The Navy has two VTO planes, one now in flight test, which are powered by turbine engines harnessed to propellers.

## CONTRACT AWARDED

In a one-sentence announcement, the Air Force said it had awarded a contract to Ryan Aeronautical Co., San Diego, California, "for the development of a jet-powered vertical take-off aircraft."

There were reports in aviation circles that the plane might be powered by a British Rolls Royce Avon jet engine. The Air Force would give no information on the possible use of a jet VTO plane nor would it say specifically that the Ryan project is for a fighter type aircraft.

A VTO jet, however, would be an important answer to the growing problem of long runways required by "conventional" jet planes. It might be used in



Hazel Harris, 10-year-old Tottenham (London) girl, who has been nominated by the Visual Arts Club as "Model of the Month" for January. Hazel works as a shorthand-typist in London and models in her spare time. —Reuterphoto.

## SEN. MORSE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Washington, Jan. 11.

Sen. Wayne Morse who has been working with the Democrats, today gained a highly-prized seat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

As a Republican in the past Mr Morse had sought long and unsuccessfully for the committee post. His assignment to it by the Democrats was viewed as another sign of a formal political tie.

Mr Morse said, again, that he has not decided whether to run as a Democrat in 1956. He held out only the "strong probability."

But political leaders last week interested in a little noticed exchange of telegrams between Mr Morse and Mr Howard Morgan who heads the Democratic Party in Oregon.

## WON'T HESITATE

The exchange followed Mr Morse's statement that he would not hesitate to run for reelection as a Democrat if the Democrats wanted him, and if it seemed to be the best way to advance a sound liberal programme for the nation.

Mr Morgan, speaking "on behalf of the entire Democratic Party" in his state, quickly renewed a "long standing and most cordial" invitation from the Democrats to Mr Morse. Mr Morgan said "every member" of the State Democratic Committee is looking forward to Mr Morse running as a Democrat.—United Press.

## Lassies Want To Marry Airman

London, Jan. 11.

Thirty Scots lassies and widows want to marry a 54-year-old British airman who wrote from West Africa to the Provost (mayor) of the village of Ayr in Scotland to help him find a wife.

The airman who described himself as "tall and handsome and going grey at the temples," said that he wanted a "tall, slim wife, able to drive, rich or poor, but not over 45."

The airman's name was not disclosed. The 30 or so applicants have submitted photographs and letters to the Provost for forwarding to the airman.—France-Press.

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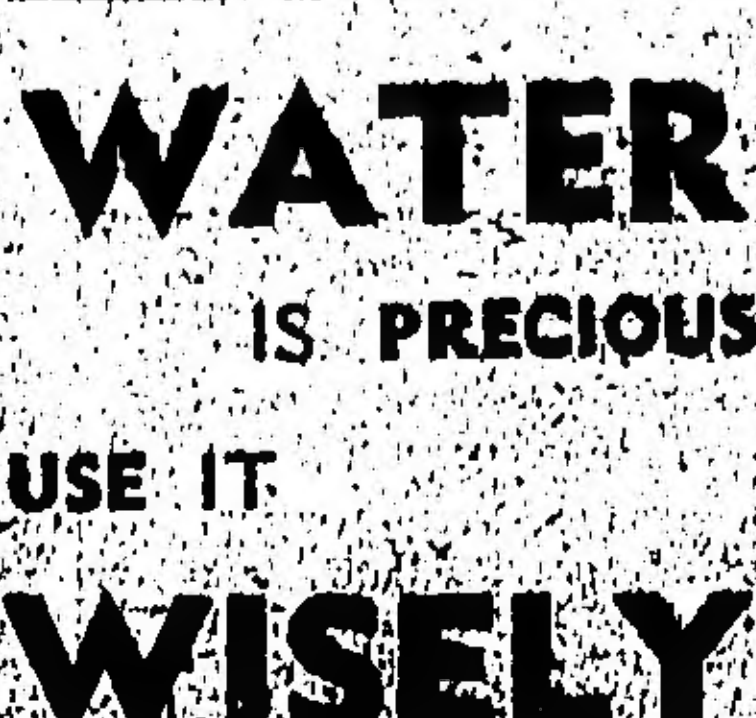
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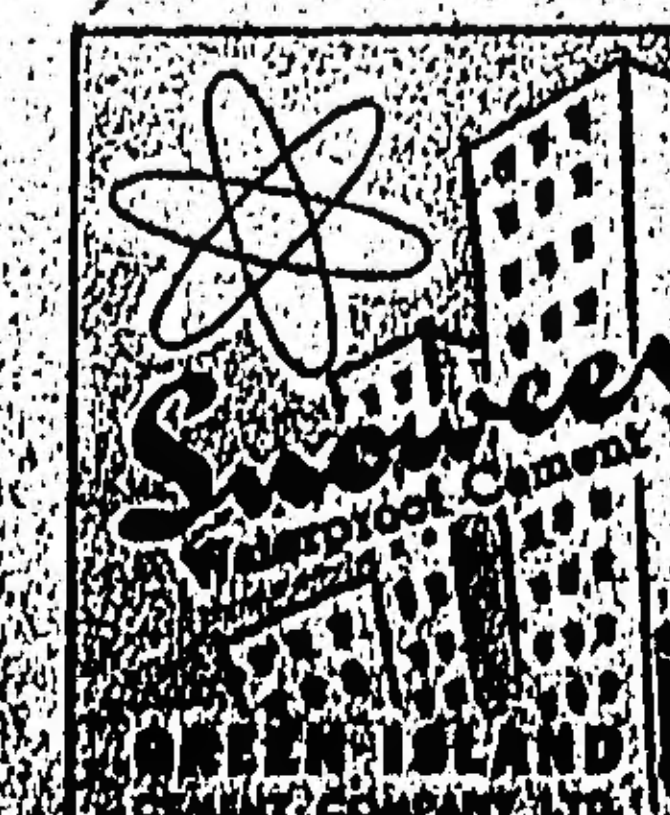
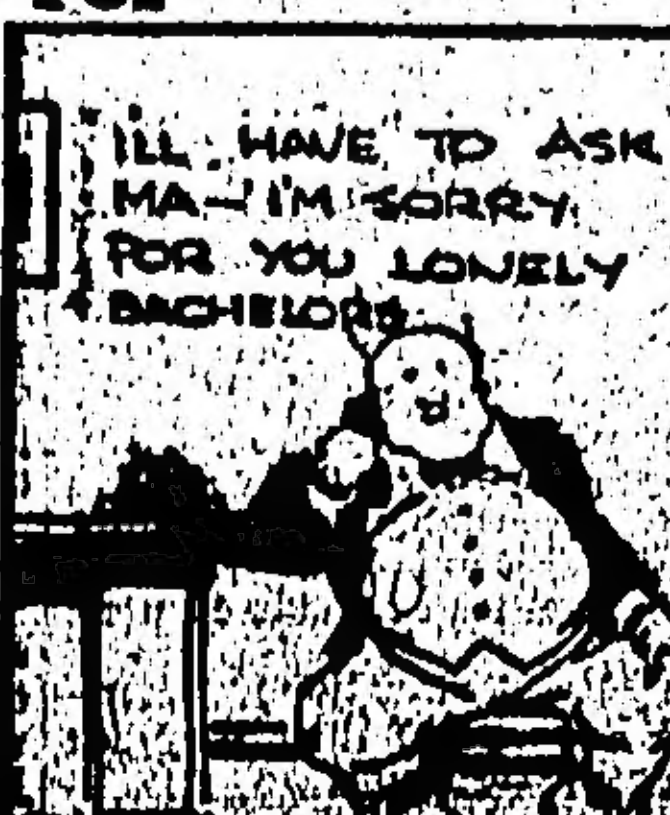


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# A & H-WEAPONS

## Dominici Wants His Dog

Marselles, Jan. 11. Sentenced to death for a triple murder, 77-year-old French peasant Gaston Dominici is still worrying about his dog "Dick" who kept him company during his long days in the lonely foothills of the French Alps.

Believing he will soon be free, Dominici wants "Dick" at his side when he leaves prison. — France-Press.

## ELEPHANT TRICKS IN BIG GAME ENCLOSURE

Port Elia, both, Jan. 11. For some weeks, elephants in the Adde Park near here appeared pleased with the new diet of oats and sweet potatoes, which had been given them in an attempt to induce them to stay in their 8,000-acre enclosure, where they can be watched by visitors.

In the last few days, they have gone off this new food and have been wandering round the perimeter fence at night, trying to break out. The present one is made of railway lines and heavy steel cable. For the first time, farmers in the district have been able to carry out their operations unhindered.

Some of the elephants, said Col C. S. Smith, Secretary of the Adde Park Advisory Committee, had been standing by the fence and allowing other elephants to climb over them.

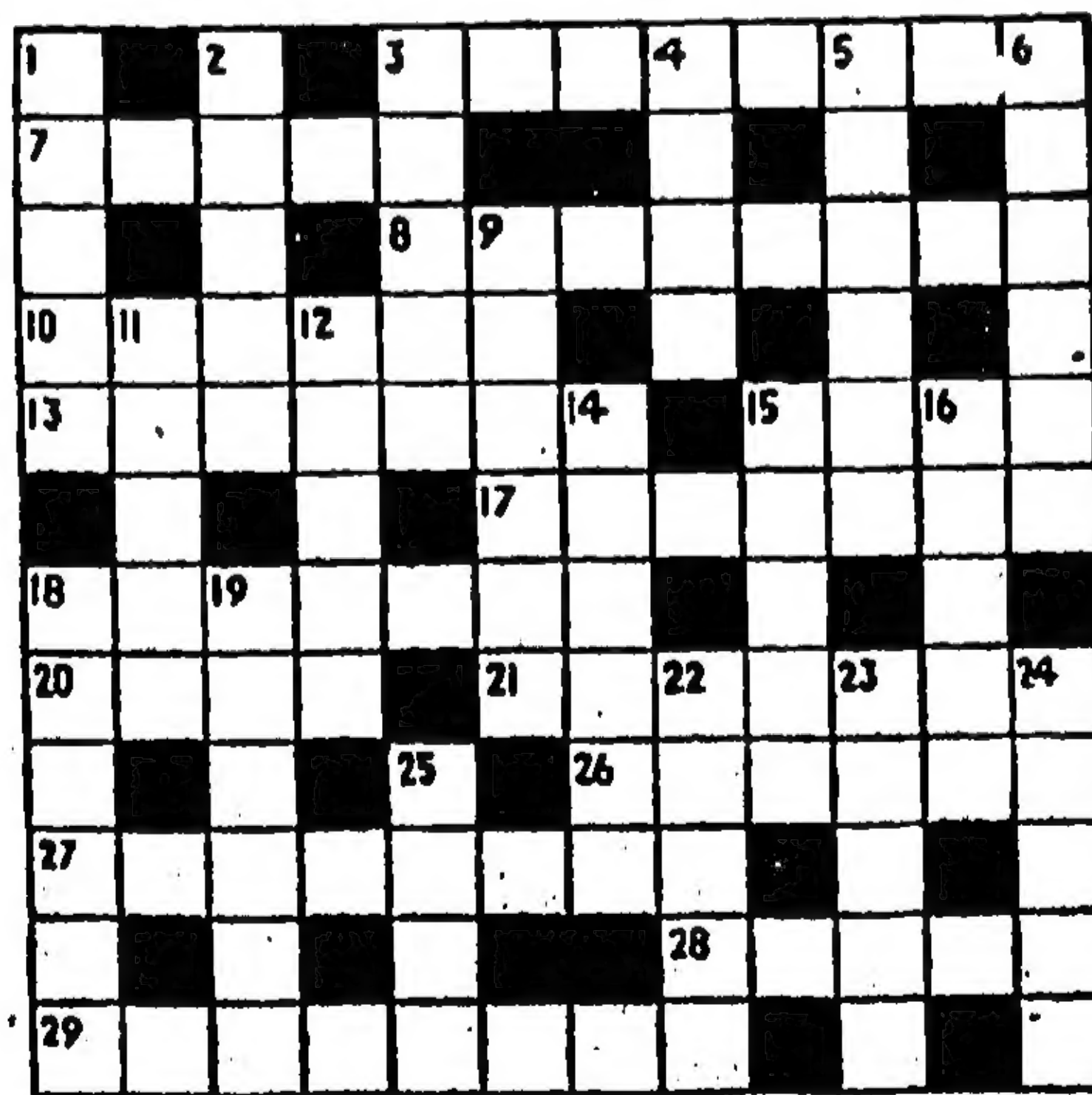
The probable reason for the restive behaviour of the elephants is the advent of the prickly pear season. There are no prickly pears in the enclosure. — France-Press.

## Attlee in Berlin

Berlin, Jan. 11. Mr. Clement Attlee, leader of the British Labour Party, today arrived in West Berlin on a brief visit.

He will speak tomorrow at the West Berlin University. The British Socialist leader is due to return to London on Thursday. — France-Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS  
3 Discarded (8).  
7 Automobile (8).  
8 Obtains (8).  
10 Sober (8).  
13 Go before (7).  
15 Prosecutes (4).  
17 Nourishment (7).  
18 Expressive action (7).  
20 Unemployed (4).  
21 Predicaments (7).  
22 Vehement speech (8).  
23 Intrude (8).  
24 Cutting instrument (5).  
29 Theatrical attendants (8).

# U.S. Stockpile Adequate To Meet Needs

Washington, Jan. 11. Admiral Lewis L. Strauss, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, said today that the Soviet Union's possession of the H-bomb "is or ought to be of prime concern to all free people because it reduces the time which we have to work out a modus vivendi."

Admiral Strauss, addressing a luncheon meeting of the National Press Club, said that "the most important discovery of the past year" on the "debit" side of the ledger was that the Soviet Premier, Mr. Georgi Malenkov "was not talking through his hat about thermo-nuclear reaction." He added that "the Soviets have got it. There is no doubt about it."

Admiral Strauss declared, however, that "our stockpile of weapons is large" and adequate to meet all foreseeable needs "in the unhappy event of war."

## Setback For Mr France

Paris, Jan. 11. M. Pierre Schneider, the Popular Republican candidate, was tonight elected new Speaker of the French National Assembly in the third ballot.

The election represents a setback for the Mendes-France government in so far as M. Schneider represents the Opposition and M. Le Troquer, a member of the Socialist party, represents one of the chief groups forming the Government's majority.

As the Speaker, M. Le Troquer, took no part in the voting on the Paris Agreement which the Communists have since accused him of supporting German rearmament. M. Schneider also abstained in the final Assembly vote on German rearmament.

M. Schneider, who is 50, is a second world war hero who earned political after the war. At Rheims, he was a pupil of former Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, then a teacher. During the war he won the Legion of Honour, Croix de Guerre and the Resistance Medal. — Reuters.

## SOVIET PROPAGANDA

Admiral Strauss said that despite Soviet propaganda about United States "war-mongering," the world generally was becoming better acquainted with the peaceful aims of the American Government as regards atomic energy.

He declared, "The free world knows we are very strong... and that power has not intoxicated us... that we have been humble in the face of this great potential for good or evil." — United Press.

## Police Charged With Assault On Baronet

Nyeri, Jan. 11. Two Kenya police officers were committed to the Kenya Supreme Court for trial here today on a joint charge of assaulting Sir Henry Dalrymple White and causing him actual bodily harm.

The officers, who have pleaded not guilty, are Chief Inspector Richard Crosby Kerry, 30, who comes from Southport, Lancashire, and Inspector Harvey Lewis from Oldham, Lancashire.

They told the Resident Magistrate here that they had nothing to say at this stage in answer to the charge, which resulted from an incident at a Nairobi Home Guard post last month. — Reuters.

# IT'S V DAY AGAIN!

## Sir Winston tops TWO Polls for the Man of the Year



And now for HOME, with the question: Whom would you nominate as Man of the Year in Britain in each of the following categories?

## SPORT

	Per cent
1. ROGER BANNISTER	42.6
2. CHRIS CHATAWAY	19.5
3. STANLEY MATTHEWS	10.0
4. BILLY WRIGHT	2.7
5. LEN HUTTON	2.7
6. GORDON PIRIE	1.5
7. JIM PETERS	1.2
8. SIR GORDON RICHARDS	1.0
9. DON COCKELL	0.5
10. GEOFF DUKE	0.4
Other nominations	5.0
Don't know	7.0
	100

## ENTERTAINMENT

	Per cent
1. WILFRED PICKLES	23.6
2. GILBERT HARDING	7.5
3. NORMAN WISDOM	7.4
4. AL READ	6.5
5. BENNY HILL	3.3
6. JIMMY EDWARDS	3.0
7. TED RAY	2.0
8. MAX BYGRAVES	2.0
9. ARTHUR ASKEY	1.9
10. VIC OLIVER	1.5
Other nominations	27.3
Don't know	13.6
	100

## POLITICS

	Per cent
1. SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL	40.6
2. SIR ANTHONY EDEN	33.0
3. CLEMENT ATTLEE	9.0
4. R. A. BUTLER	3.5
5. ANEURIN BEVAN	3.0
6. HERBERT MORRISON	0.5
7. SIR ROBERT BOOTHBY	0.4
8. HUGH GAITSKELL	0.3
9. MICHAEL FOOT	0.2
10. HECTOR McNEIL	0.1
Other nominations	1.5
Don't know	7.3
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IT'S Victory Day once more for Sir Winston Churchill. The people of Britain have picked him TWICE as Man of the Year.

In the latest Daily Express Poll of Public Opinion Sir Winston has a triumphant lead as Man of the Year; and he also tops the poll as the outstanding British politician of 1954.

Roger Bannister, now retired from international athletics, scores a runaway victory as Sportsman of the Year. He also runs into fifth place in the "World" list.

Wilfred Pickles tops the nominations in a show-business poll. Below are the questions and the detailed results...

## BANNISTER RUNS INTO FIFTH PLACE

Whom would you nominate as 1954 Man of the Year in the World?

	Per cent
1. SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL	40.6
2. SIR ANTHONY EDEN	33.0
3. CLEMENT ATTLEE	9.0
4. R. A. BUTLER	3.5
5. ANEURIN BEVAN	3.0
6. HERBERT MORRISON	0.5
7. SIR ROBERT BOOTHBY	0.4
8. HUGH GAITSKELL	0.3
9. MICHAEL FOOT	0.2
10. HECTOR McNEIL	0.1
Other nominations	1.5
Don't know	7.3
	100



ROGER BANNISTER stride, into 1955 as the top man among the Old Year's sporting personalities.

# LAPLAND TO CAPE TOWN THE HARD WAY

Cape Town, Jan. 11. A boarded Gorman, Mr. P. Reinard, has arrived at Cape Town after travelling 24,000 miles in 20 months, from Lapland. He has used skis, bicycles and hitch-hiked, while for 2,500 miles he walked.

Mr Reinard left Lapland in March, 1953. On skis he went to Norway, where he obtained a bicycle and rode it through Europe.

In Switzerland he was caught by an avalanche crossing the Oberalp Pass. It took him two hours to dig his way out.

He had all his baggage, including his 10 millimetre camera and films, stolen at Tetuan in Spanish Morocco.

He was in Casablanca when riots broke out. He had just left the market place when a bomb exploded, killing 27 people.

In the heart of Africa he was taking a picture of an elephant, which charged him. He dropped his bicycle and fled.

He then walked the next 2,500 miles, visiting many famous places in the interior. From Nairobi he hitch-hiked after climbing Kilimanjaro.

He will return to Berlin by way of the East African coast. — China Mail Special.

# U.S. Soldiers Held By Germans

Kaiserlautern, Jan. 11. Two American soldiers are being held at Schweigen, a small German town near the French border. "While the authorities investigate a reported attempt to shoot their way into France, part German Customs officers," an Army spokesman here said today.

"The two soldiers are reported to have fired on the Customs officers when halted at the border checkpoint," said the spokesman. "No one was injured. They were armed with pistols and 163 rounds of ammunition when taken into custody, according to Military Police."

The soldiers, who were not identified, said they left their unit at Heilbronn yesterday. — United Press.

# ROTARY STAMP

Canberra, Jan. 11. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Rotary movement on February 23 Australia will issue a new 34d postage stamp.

The Acting Postmaster-General, Sir Philip McBride, said that the stamp would be "carmining and the design would include the Rotary badge superimposed on a globe." Other countries are expected to issue similar stamps on February 23, the date of the first Rotary meeting at Chicago in 1905. — China Mail Special.

# Aga Khan Mystery Deepens: Successor Still Not Named

From David Burk

Assouan, Egypt, Jan. 11.

A statement by the seventy-seven-year-old Aga Khan made to me tonight, added to the mystery of who will succeed him as leader to the 20,000,000 devout Ismaili Moslems.

The Aga Khan, who is ill at Ormate Cataract Hotel, here, was visited by his son Aly Khan, and then last Sunday Aly dispelled rumours that he might not succeed his father. He said "there has never been any disagreement between us."

## UNTIMELY

It was at once accepted that Aly would succeed him — but it was reported that the Aga Khan was growing angrier and angrier because he considered his son's "announcement" untimely.

Tonight, therefore, I asked the Aga Khan for a statement.

He carefully considered one, then he dictated it to me.

He said, "There is positively no truth in the rumour that I have appointed my son Aly to succeed me. I consider it absolutely disgusting that people should be asking about an inheritance while he is still alive."

# Bomb Explodes In Pennsylvania Station

New York, Jan. 11.

A home-made bomb exploded in a Pennsylvania station waiting room at the height of the evening rush hour today, but the police said no one was injured.

The authorities said the bomb had been placed in a small baggage locker in the Long Island railway waiting room. A passerby turned in a fire alarm following the explosion shortly before 5.30 p.m.

A railway spokesman said the blast caused no panic among thousands of commuters. The only apparent damage was caused to the locker door, which was blown open.

Early last year a home-made bomb was touched off in the washroom of Grand Central Station. The blast caused considerable damage but no one was injured. — United Press.

# Malayan Terrorist Leader Gives Up The Fight

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 11. Former terrorist leader Osman China and eight bedraggled comrades who looked like "scarecrows in ragged uniforms," came out of the jungle this week and surrendered to security forces.

Gaunt and covered with sores, the men ate three meals at one sitting — their first taste of rice for a whole year, Osman China, a Malay, educated in English-language schools here, who passed his Cambridge examinations before going underground, was the editor of the Communist publication "Voice of Freedom."

However, he gave up several years ago, and even gave up his propaganda tactics this year, when the struggle for food took up all his time.

He estimated that 20 days out of a month were devoted to the search for food in the jungle. — United Press.

# STOWAWAY TO STAY WITH SHIP

Victoria, B.C., Jan. 11.

Icharo Hoshi has received his wish — he is going to see the world.

The 15-year-old Japanese shoeshine boy arrived here during the week-end aboard a Greek cargo vessel.

An orphan of the Hiroshima atom bomb blast, he had stolen aboard the vessel at Kobe, Japan, and hidden under a tarpaulin.

Captain Nicolas Pinoy of the freighter Halycon said, on Monday night, the boy would remain with the ship until it touches Japan again "maybe two or three years from now."

He was discovered three days out from Kobe and quickly made friends with the crew. He told them he had run away "to see the world."

The owners of the vessel decided to let the boy stay aboard, because it "would cost \$800 to send him home directly."

Now in drydock here for inspection and painting, the Halycon will leave for South Africa in a few days with a cargo of wheat. — China Mail Special.











# OPEN ATHLETICS RECORD-BREAKING LIKELY AT SUNDAY MEETING AT CAROLINE HILL

By "RECORDER"

At least one Colony record is likely to fall at the first major athletic meeting of the season, the HKAAA Open, at Caroline Hill this Sunday afternoon. It is not unlikely that there will be more than one.

Though Lt Keith Burch of the Essex Regiment, who recently brought down the Colony figures in the One Mile Run to 4.32.1, is entered for both the 800 and 1,500 Metres, it is not known which distance he will concentrate on.

The 800 Metres is at 2 p.m. and the 1,500 Metres at 2.50 p.m. and a record bid would, therefore, probably necessitate scratching from one event.

The record to be challenged at 800 Metres is 4.32.1 by Lt Keith Burch of the Essex Regiment, who recently brought down the Colony figures in the One Mile Run to 4.32.1, is entered for both the 800 and 1,500 Metres, it is not known which distance he will concentrate on.

In the 1,500 Metres there are a number of runners who have been in the HKAAA who have elected to concentrate on this event and will probably demand something faster than 2.50.0 if someone is going to break the tape ahead of him. The other seven entries are either unknown or not in the same class.

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## A LITTLE EARLY

The 400 Metres has attracted 15 entries, the most interesting of whom is Lt. M. C. Sweeney of 14 Field Regt., R.A., a not unlikely challenger to the Colony record of 52.8 seconds if he concentrates on this event. It is a little early in the season for such a record.

## NEW TERRITORIES

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&  
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THE  
CHINA MAIL  
is now obtainable  
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STATION STALL.

Orders Accepted.  
Deliveries Undertaken.

## NOTICE

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE  
PEARCE MEMORIAL CUP

Saturday, 22nd January, 1955.

Over 600,000 tickets sold to date.

The Sale of Cash Sweep Tickets on the above will close on Friday, 21st January, as follows:—

382 Nathan Road, Kowloon, at 4.00 p.m.  
5 D'Aguiar Street, at 5.00 p.m.  
Queen's Building, Ground Floor, Chater Road, at 6.00 p.m.

The Draw will be held in the Public Betting Hall at the Race Course, at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 22nd January, 1955.

By Order of the Stewards,  
PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO.  
Treasurers.

## HUDDERSFIELD v. CHARLTON



Charlton's Sam Bartram rises to the occasion and lists clear to rob Cavanagh as he leaps to connect with a corner kick from Hobson in the match against Huddersfield. Also in the picture, left to right, are Fenton, Upton, Watson, Campbell and Metcalfe. The match ended in a goalless draw.

## Massed Start Cycle Racing Is Essentially A Team Sport

Says "NTACA"

Massed Start Cycle Racing is essentially a team sport, and it is on this score that I have in the past frequently criticised the riding of the majority of the teams in the Colony. It is not the team spirit that is lacking so much as a knowledge of how a team may work together for victory, and I have often seen a weak TEAM beat a potentially stronger group of individuals because they were able to exploit the weaknesses they had discovered in their opponents' methods of riding.

What are the aims of a team in a Massed Start Race? Surely, first to get their best man into a position where he stands the greatest chance of winning, and secondly to place the remainder of the team in such high positions that they can grab the Team award.

How do we set about achieving these aims? The primary step is the appointment of a Team Manager, a peculiar individual consisting of equal parts of Strategist, Tactician, Psychologist, Nursemaid, Dictator and Southsayer.

In addition, he must be capable of deciding the gear and equipment to be used in each event, as well as the overall strategy, and be strong enough to ensure that his orders are carried out to the letter.

His should be the task of studying the riders of both his own and other teams, searching out their weak and strong points, noting the favourite tactics of the opposing teams and generally turning himself into a walking Form Book.

During the race he must keep himself fully posted as to the way things are going, so that he may pass suitable instructions on to his riders. He must be ready with the cheering word or the scolding imprecation, as the case demands. He must do everything at once and do everything right. He is the Key in the Team, more important than any individual rider.

## WHERE FIND THEM?

Where do we find these paragons? In every Club there is at least one person with some of the qualifications and the wit to learn the others. Usually, if he has the wit to be a Manager, he has the sense not to be, for it is generally a thankless task. In the event of a victory, the praise goes to the riders, when defeat looms up, the Manager has fallen down on his Staff work. A good Manager is worth his weight in gold; but no one will ever admit it.

When the Manager has been acquired and has done his preliminary "Mata Hari" act, on his team's opponents, then, is the time to lay out a broad plan of the strategy to be employed, remembering always that the opponents cannot be relied upon to act as desired. So there must be a Plan, an

alternative Plan — and an Open mind. Next week? I will outline some of the basics of Massed Start Tactical riding.

## MACAO RACE PLANS

I went to Macao over the week-end, where I received full details of the final arrangements for the Macao Race from the two chief organisers, Mr. C. Humberto da Silva and Sgo. L. C. Fernandes.

Owing to the clash of dates with the Interport Hockey and Football matches and the inadvisability of closing roads during the Chinese New Year period, the date of the race has been put back to Sunday, February 6, starting time to be 2.30. There is a full Prize List, with awards for the First, Second and Third finishers; and Team awards for the first three teams, on a Points basis.

A trip around the circuit showed me that it will be a fine test of all-round cycling ability, with numerous tricky bends and corners, a great variety of surfaces, and two steep, cobblesurfaced hills to be climbed on each of the ten laps which make up the 30 miles of the race.

Entry is free, and should be made by Teams or Individuals direct to Sgo. L. C. Fernandes, Enfermeiro Militar, Flora, Macao, by Wednesday January 19, or to Hon. Sec. NTACA, by Sunday, January 16.

A team consists of up to six riders from any one Club or Association, all of whom must be bona-fide members of that body. A Club may enter more than one Team, provided that the first Team contains six riders, who must be nominated before the start. General Rules for the Race are those accepted by the NTACA, and should be known by all riders.

In addition to the Teams from Hongkong, a big representation is expected from the Portuguese Army in Macao. This will truly be an event worth the seeing and, if successful, will be the forerunner of an annual series.

Army and RAF schemes have interfered with the programme for the past week, with the result that there is no meeting to report. Instead, as many riders as can manage to arrange a moment away from duty are busily putting in strenuous training for the big events which lie ahead.

Groups are going over the routes for the Three-Day Race, analysing and testing gear, getting to know the good and bad patches, and no doubt working out their various plans of campaign for this, the most important single event of the entire racing season.

To date, team entries have been received from the three RAF teams, the 7th Hussars, the Essex Regt., and the 125th Coy. all of whom are anxious to add this prize to their collection. Let us hope that some semblance of teamwork is evident to make this a really exciting event.

## HOME NEWS

At home, the big guns are getting ready for yet another season, with the BSA marque retaining only Bob Milland of their last year's team, while Hercules have signed on one of the BSA riders from last season, Alf Isley, winner of the BLRC Independent Championship.

Hercules now have a ten-man team which hopes to be well represented in Continental events, particularly the Classic Tour de France. In the Sprint world, Raleigh's have both Harris and Peacock, present, and potential future World's Champions, riding for them. British cycling truly seems to be on the up-grade once more, after a long period out in the cold.

## TOO MODEST?

It appears that I have far too modest an estimate of the potentials of our Colony riders over the 100 miles distance. I forecast last week a best time of 4 hours 30 minutes for a 100 Mile Trial this season, with either Beck or Sanderson to do the trick.

My readers have more lofty ambitions, some aiming as high as a 4-20, and the tally of riders who may do this is increased to five, with the addition of Gower, Rolt and Foster. Well, there are two events at the distance still to be held, so perhaps I will be proved wrong. I hope so.

## WEEK'S QUESTION

This year we are holding two hill-climb events, the NTACA Championship, taking place on 23 miles climb on the Western side of Twiss Hill, and the HKAAA Championship to be held on a shorter and steeper hillside on 11 miles climb on the Eastern side of Twiss Hill. The NTACA Championship will be held on 23 miles climb on the Western side of Twiss Hill, and the HKAAA Championship will be held on a shorter and steeper hillside on 11 miles climb on the Eastern side of Twiss Hill.

## STILL A LONG ROAD TO TRUDGE FOR PEGASUS

By ARCHIE QUICK

Pegasus Football Club have concluded their fifth successive Christmas tour. This time it was to Poole, Worthing and Brighton. Previously it has been to Cornwall, Switzerland, the Channel Islands and the Far East.

Behind that statement lies the earnest endeavour by a small band of ex-University Soccer enthusiasts to raise the standard of football in the public schools and Oxford and Cambridge Universities to the high level it attained in the great days of the Corinthians.

There is still a long road to trudge to achieve that ideal, but at least Pegasus have already won the Amateur Cup twice in the six years of their existence.

The man who conceived the idea was its old Secretary until recently. He is now the Chairman, Dr "Tommy" Thompson, an Oxford Don. He describes as "rubbish" and "cheap pass sentimentality" the suggestion that there is a split in the camp and that many dissatisfied players are drifting to the Corinthians.

Kennington Oval. The match was played at Stamford Bridge and your only claim is eleven 2d bus fares, and that is how it was.

## Orpen-Smellie Wins NRA Silver Medal

This year promises to be a good one for rifle shooting if the attendance at the regular practice shoot organised by the Hongkong Rifle Association last Sunday is any criterion. More than 100 members turned out to practice in spite of the bleak weather, under a very erratic wind which made good shooting impossible at the 500 and 600 yards ranges. The wind was so strong at times that four 6-foot targets were snapped and had to be changed before shooting could be continued. The marks were also a very difficult time at the butts. The scores returned were much below average.

The tie-shoot for the 1954 NRA Silver Medal between H. Souza, Lt Orpen-Smellie and A. A. Noronha was decided on the same day and resulted in Lt Orpen-Smellie winning the Medal by one point in a closely-contested match.

## PRACTICE SHOOT

The last practice shoot for members before the Blaise Meeting will be held at the same range on January 19 and 20, concerning the 1955 a.m. The squad and allocation of targets will be made by the Chief Range Officer, Major G. Pring, and those who are taking part in the Blaise are advised to put in as much practice as possible during these two days. Members are also reminded that the last day for sending in entries for the Colony Championship is January 17.

The following are the spoon winners.

S. R. (b)  
Class "A"—A. A. Noronha, 33; 31; 29—93.  
Class "B"—L. Karpovich, 33; 27; 23—83.  
Class "C"—Lt Comdr Robinson, 28; 29; 28—85.  
Class "B"—A. J. Mooney, 29; 22; 20—77.  
Class "C"—J. Stringer, 29; 23; 30—82.

## Europeans To Play Chinese At Table Tennis

Ever since the H.K. European Table Tennis Club ended their very successful tournament many enthusiasts of the game have been waiting to know just what would happen if the best European players were to play some of the top Chinese stars.

Their question will be answered on Friday evening of this week at the NAAFI Club, Chatham Road, Kowloon, when a match of this nature will take place.

To make the match more interesting the Chinese stars will be handicapped in the following manner. Lo Kam-sang and Lee Ping to concede 10 points in each set and Chin Kwok-hung 5 points each set. As most people know all these players have represented the Colony at some time or other.

On the European side there will be R. Moore, reigning H.K. European Champion, R. Blacklocks, ex-Durham County player and M. Nash, with M. Curzon, Reserve.

The match will be played on the Bwathling Cup System, the first game starting at 7.30 p.m. Spectators are welcome and by all accounts a good match should be witnessed.

## HKFC TEAM

Following are the players who will represent the HKFC against HMS Newcastle in a football match on the Club ground at 7.30 p.m. tomorrow: Jones, Almy, Wright (Capt), McDonald, Day, Baker, Leung, Lam, Ho, Green, Yalson, Fong, Lee, and Warrington. Referee: Macdonald, and Time-keeper: Macdonald.

## Hong Pairs Quarter-finals On Saturday

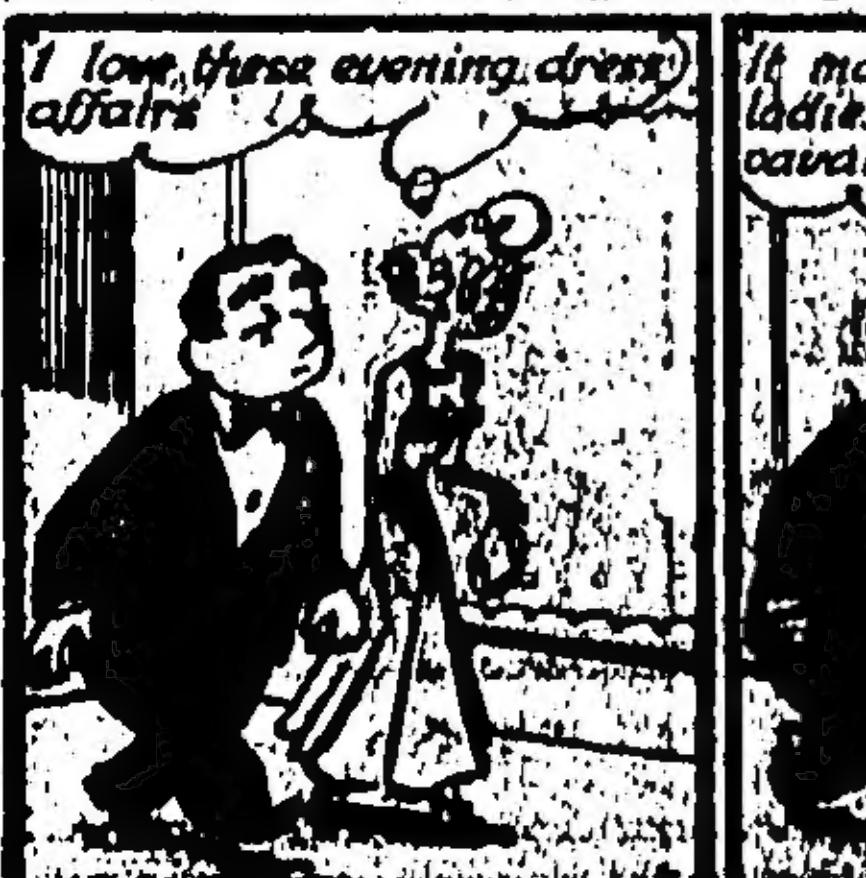
The following is the Draw for the Quarter-finals of the "Hong" Pairs competition which is to be played off on Saturday. All matches to be played at Kowloon Bowling Green Club, commencing at 2.15 p.m. sharp.

D.C.I.—(D. Nish, S. Leonard) v. H.K. Land (S. Y. Doe, T. W. Wilson).  
Kowloon Dock—(F. Francis, P. Kennedy) v. H.K. Police (T. Kavanagh, J. Goodman).  
Taikeo—(S. McA. Fraser, A. G. Sweeney) v. Shawan-Tomes (D. B. Sweeney, C. A. Coelho).  
The following postponed match is scheduled to be played off on Saturday. Winners to progress quarter-finals date: Kowloon Dock—(A. E. Elliott, R. Gourey) v. Ambo Corp (W. Hong Sling, P. R. Ragi).  
Winners of the above to play Shawan-Tomes (D. B. Sweeney, C. A. Coelho) in the quarter-finals.

## Sports Diary

TOMORROW  
Triangular Tournament: RAF-RN v. Army at HKCC at 11 a.m.  
Red Ducky Trophy match at Kowloon Bowling Green Club at 2 p.m.  
TOMORROW  
Football: HMS Newcastle v. HKFC at 7.30 p.m. at Club Ground.

## THE GAMBOLS



## by Barry Appleby



## Whatever the subject CAPTURE IT WITH



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The Army hockey players are awarded the Spot of Honour at the top of the Sports Parade this week by reason of their fine wins at the week-end.

The 4-1 defeat of the strong Recrolo 'A' by Army 'A' puts the soldiers once again in a most favourable position to win the First Division League Championship... and such a success would be but due reward for a season of consistently good play.

The Army 'B' side also did well to score a 3-1 away victory over their Dutch opponents.

#### REFEREES' DINNER

The Army Football Referees Association held its Annual Dinner at the NAAFI Club in Chatham Road on Monday evening. A large gathering of members and guests enjoyed a most pleasant get-together and heard some excellent after-dinner speeches.

One of the great disappointments, however, was the absence, through illness, of Major C. Walpole, ROAC, Chairman of the Referees' Association.

Major Walpole had been looking forward eagerly to his first Annual Dinner as Chairman, and in his absence his speech was read by Mr. Mintz, one of the senior referees of the Association.

In his reply to the speech, Major C. D. Elrick, MBE, Secretary of the Army (H.K.) Football Association, combined with pointed humour, and a lot of good common sense in a bright speech that kept the gathering in happy mood.

Major A. C. A. Walker, MBE, Secretary of the Referees' Association, proposed the toast to the visitors in one of his typically bright intonations of repartee.

Colonel J. A. Dawson, CBE, Chairman of the Land Forces Sports Board, who was the Guest of Honour, replied to the Toast and dwelt at length on the part that team officials must play to ensure that referees are given every possible assistance to do their job.

Colonel Dawson said that it was the responsibility of team officials to make it clear that they would not tolerate misbehaviour from their players. He added that the Army was jealous of its reputation and certainly would not permit a player to continue in representative football if he was incapable of conducting himself correctly.

Speaking on another topical theme, Colonel Dawson said that it was his own view that the day of competitive football under floodlights had not yet arrived in Hongkong. He said that personally he felt that the practical experience of playing under such conditions before the question of suitability for competitive soccer could be seriously considered.

Among the guests were Mr. C. S. Wang, Chairman of the Hongkong Football Association, and Mrs. Wang, Brig. Young, Mr. K. K. Ip, Mr. and Mrs. L. Williams, Mr. Y. F. Mak, and Capt. J. A. Kearney, R.N., and Mrs. Kearney.

The evening was a great success and reflected the overall healthy state of this thriving association, which is doing so much to improve the standard of football in the Army... and is also giving a great deal of material assistance to the Hongkong Football Association.

#### ATHLETICS

Army athletes will be out in force at Caroline Hill this week-end when the HKAAA stages an Open Meeting. The entry list contains the names of many well-known soldier athletes and it is confidently expected that they will be well represented in the winning lists.

The next big item on the calendar is the HKAAA Pentathlon which will take place at Caroline Hill on Sunday, February 6, at 2.30 p.m.

The events in the Pentathlon, in the order in which they will take place, are as follows:—200 Metres, Discus Throw, Long Jump, Javelin Throw and 1,500 Metres.

Entry forms can be obtained from the SCPT at HQLE (Tel. 24121 Ex. 468).

I am asked to point out to intending competitors that the entry forms have to be sent in with the Hon. Secy. HKAAA by January 26 and they are therefore advised to get their forms completed and returned as soon as possible.

With only three days left before the close of the Coldbeck Cup, the PABRI Football Championship, nine teams are waiting to go into the

draw for the Hongkong section of the draw.

The following are the entries received up to late hour yesterday:—27 Lt. Bty. RA, 42 Fd. Regt. RA, 27 HAA Regt. RA, 2/2 Gorkha Rifles, 7th Hussars, 6 COD, 26 Fd. Regt. RA, District Workshops REME, 11th Infantry Workshops REME.

Entries close on January 16.

The draw for the 2nd Round of the Land Forces Hockey Cup is as follows:—

32 Med. Regt. RA, v 1st Bn. Essex Regt.

14 Fd. Regt. RA v 24 Fd. Engineer Regt.

7th Hussars, v 1st Bn. North Staffs.

HK Sign. Regt. v 72 LAA Regt. RA, or RASC.

The game between 7 Hussars and 1st Bn. North Staffs will take place at Sookpoo at 4 p.m. tomorrow. The 32 Med. Regt.-1st Essex game will be played at Boundary Street on January 17 at 4 p.m. The dates and venues for the other games have not yet been fixed.

There is considerable speculation as to the eventual outcome of this competition and well informed enthusiasts suggest that, if they manage to steer clear of each other in the earlier rounds, Hongkong Signal Regt and Essex Regt. will fight out the final.

#### BOXING

Up to date 12 entries have been received for the Land Forces Team Boxing Championships and already it seems certain that there is going to be hot competition for the premier honours. It is still not certain whether 2/2 Gorkha Rifles and 7th Hussars will compete in the Championships, but as both have some talented boxers at their disposal it is to be hoped that they will be seen in action.

The boxers of 216 Bty. RA will be in action tonight when they take part in the Red District promotion at the Missions to Seamen.

Army boxers will again be in action on January 22 when a Combined Services - China Gymnasium promotion is staged at the MacPherson Stadium in Kowloon.

The present intention is to have Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air Force and the China Gymnasium represented by six boxers each but it is believed that in order to provide good matches, and to conform to weight divisions, this may have to be varied. Whatever the eventual set-up, this looks like being another entertaining evening.

Sixteen teams will contest the Land Forces Basketball Championship. This number is not quite as high as has been expected, but whatever is missing in bulk will certainly be compensated for by lots of good play. The draw for the first round will be made in a day or so.

Congratulations to Major George Brower on another fine display of sportsmanship at Mifino in the Hongkong Sword Club's match with Clube Militar.

Friday, January 28, has been set aside for the semi-finals of the Land Forces Hockey Championships.

The Major and Minor Units Football Leagues have now reached a most interesting stage.

In the Major Units Section 7th Hussars are favourites to lift the title. They have two games still to play and have collected 15 out of a possible 16 points. They are being hotly pursued by 1st Kings, who have 12 points out of a possible 14.

In the Minor Units League, 157 HAA Bty. are current favourites in Section I; 8 Coy. RASC look like the winners of Section II. In Section III 216 Bty. need full points from their remaining games to slip below Gunners 256 Bty. on the post by one point in the last Section. The New Territories is the issue is more open with 14 Bty. RA, 18 Fd. Ammunition Coy. and 11 Infantry Workshops all in with a reasonable chance.

## LOOKING AHEAD IN 1955 CHELSEA TO WIN THE CUP; SAMMY MCCARTHY TO KEEP HIS TITLE

By GEORGE WHITING

How wrong can you be trying to forecast the shape of sporting things to come? We shall see... In keeping with the descent from holiday to hangover, we shall start with Chelsea, and extend the neck by suggesting that Ted Drake's wobbly and wayward heroes could win the FA Cup.

Never mind those Christmas results, or that tattered damnable display against Red Banner, or those missed penalties. This tip is offered after personal acquaintance with more than three decades of mud, flood and opprobrium at Stamford Bridge, and I defy anybody to treat the forecast with disdain, irony, sarcasm, ridicule or bad language. I've heard the lot in Fulham Palace Road.

All Chelsea need is for Bentley to read up the offside rule and Williamson to forget the Rugby Union code. Then you'll see.

As to boxing, I take that well-known purveyor of vegetables, Sammy McCarthy, to keep his British featherweight title against Empire Champion Spider Kelly in Ulster on January 22—always providing Sammy plugs his ears against the Belfast howl.

By the same token, coiler Dai Dover should win the Flyweight Championship against the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune and the left hooks of chain-maker Eric Marsden.

#### TITLE FOR BARTON

Other pugilistic future-peeps are that meat-porter Ron Barton will be a Cruiser-weight Champion before the end of the year.

That Jack Solomon will continue to delude himself about Entertainment Tax being reduced.

That Don Cockell will be compelled, either under the counter or over it, to sign a "return match" clause before being permitted within punching distance of Rocky Marciano.

That managers will show their habitual business acumen and physical fortitude in pursuit of 25 per cent.

Cricket? Ten thousand salutes to Tyson, May and Cowdrey, but I still think we sent to Australia a team of non-catchers and patchwork fielders. Evans always excepted.

Wait till the South Africans get here next summer. We shall then be able to watch the art of fielding restored to its proper importance in what used to be the noblest and most joyous game of all.

Of what use are specialist batsmen and bowlers when your fielders are too stiff in the leg to bend and too uncertain of eye and hand to hold their catches?

English cricket will revive as an entertainment when we get a few more Tony Locks, Alan Watkins, Jack Ikin and Bill Hitchen making close-to-the-wicket chances, instead of waiting for them and dropping them, with the slightly bored air that afflicts too many of our contemporary cricketers.

#### PIRIE RECORD

How different the athletic approach of the often angry but always purposeful Gordon Pirie—offered here as a probable world-beater in 1955.

My guess is that Pirie, freed of his on the shoulder, could make Zatopek's 10,000 Metres record of last June (28min. 54.2sec.) look like a Sunday morning saunter.

Australia, disguised as Oxford University, will win the Boat Race under the tutelage of Shakespeare—standing J. A. Goble, from Melbourne and Magdalen. At least five young men from the wider waters of Australia are available for next year's boat.

#### DISCOMFORT

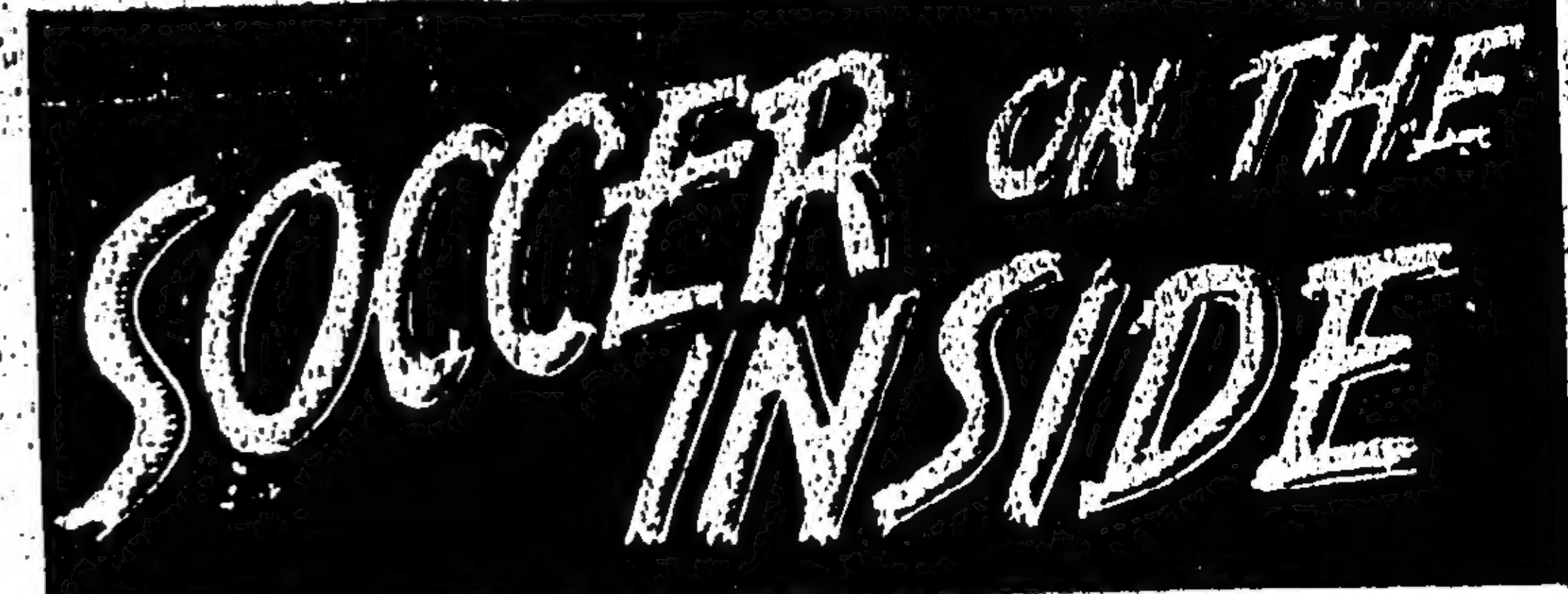
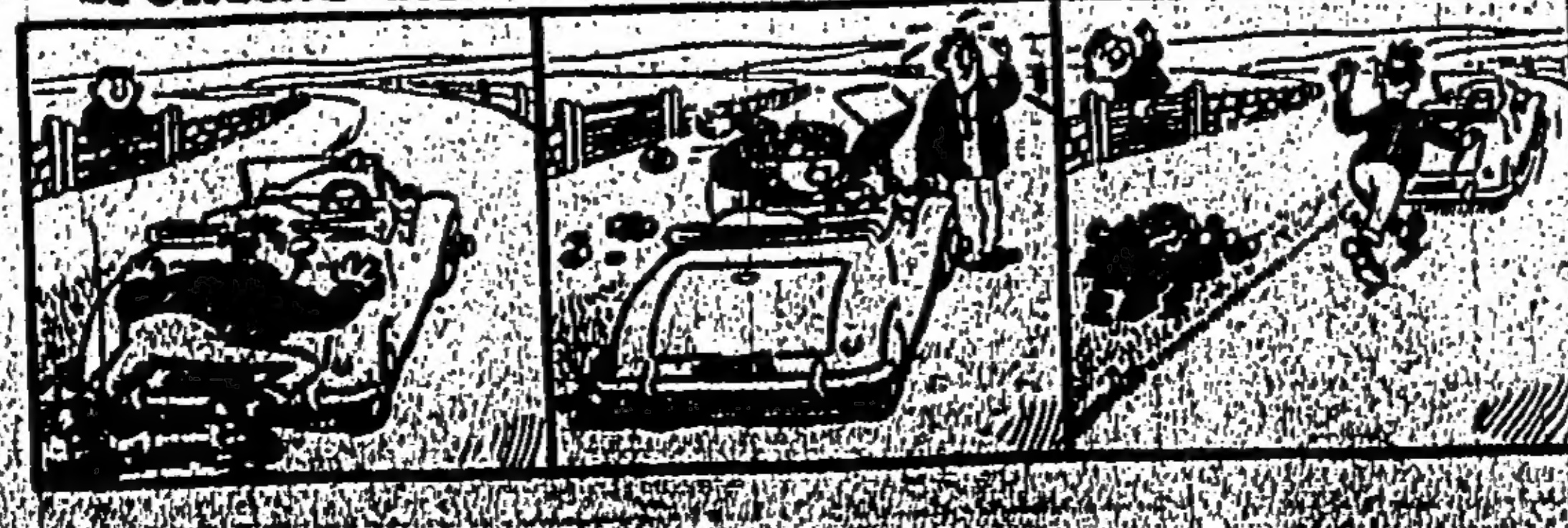
Russian oarsmen, having tasted our blood, will probably win again, but as this year, will continue to do as they are told by elderly gentlemen cuffed in the Pin of Leader. Was the Millennium itself once postponed to avoid a clash with Henley?

At rugby, a pack peopled by hefty, Borzoi-like Basques could help France to become international champions for the first time—which would be a source of acute discomfort to those smug gentry who for years offered nothing more recommending than a cold shoulder to players from across the Channel.

#### REME SPORTS POSTPONED

The Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, Athletic Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 23, and not February 15 as originally announced. The meeting features an open Mile Race.

#### SPORTING SAM



(Edited by Sam Leitch)

... Spectacular cash bidding for Reg Matthews, of Coventry City, has zoomed to the world record fee for a goalkeeper—a near £14,000 offer from the First Division. Daily Coventry are asked to part with 22-year-old Matthews.

"We have been pestered by many managers, and now a famous club have offered a tremendous fee, one far in excess of that usually paid for goalkeepers," reveals Coventry Chairman W. Erle Shanks.

Present world record for goalkeepers is £11,000 paid by Manchester United for Reg. Allen to Queen's Park Rangers.

Will Coventry be tempted to part with Matthews, whom they signed straight from school as a 14-year-old? Their profit would be enormous.

"We will not sell Reg at ANY price," said Mr. Shanks. "We never sell a player just for the money and we don't part with men of his character and calibre."

Two First Division clubs who have shown persistent interest in Matthews are West Bromwich and Charlton.

Ambitious Cardiff have renewed their interest in 'Spurs'.

Tommy Hamner, Tiny Tommy was the subject of a Watford inquiry last week following his game against West Ham reserves.

'Spurs again indicated they are not too happy about parting with Hamner.

#### CHEERS FOR MANNION

Cheers for Will Mannion as he recaptured some of his England form for new club Hull City. But the fans didn't know that just before Saturday's kick-off the ex-Middlesbrough star had received a message telling him that his child had been taken to hospital seriously ill.

Given the option of missing the match and returning immediately to Middlesbrough, Will decided that it was his duty to play. And after the game he was quickly whisked to his train. That explains something for young autograph hunters who were puzzled no doubt by Mannion's lightning getaway.

Gratefully acknowledged by Hull City manager Bob Jackson is the offer—duly accepted—of training facilities for Will Mannion at Hartlepool.

Hartlepool's chief Fred Westgarth did not wait to be asked. He contacted the Hull City manager without delay. "A real sporting gesture we deeply appreciate," says chief Jackson.

Sheffield referee George McCabe need not worry too much about his "bloomer" in signalling half-time five minutes too soon in the Arsenal-West Bromwich game.

Football's bosses have "watchdogs" out this season reporting on referees and their conduct. One was present at this match.

His verdict: "Just a mistake anyone could have made in the bustle of a fast clash. No complaints otherwise on a well-controlled game."

#### BEST OVER 30

Says Arsenal's Tommy Lawton: "The best players of today

## Tyson And Hutton Top Averages

Melbourne.

Frank Tyson's match-winning aggregate of nine wickets for 95 in the Third Test boosts his total in all first-class matches of the tour to 39 wickets at a cost of only 18.23 runs apiece.

He stays at the top of the MCC bowling averages. Close behind is fellow pace bowler Brian Statham who has taken 31 wickets, each costing 10.62 runs.

Despite Test failures, skipper Len Hutton leads the batting with 684 runs, average of 55.33. Next come Peter May and Don Compton. Test hero Colin Cowdrey is fourth. He has scored 660 runs, average 41.25.

Just how much pace means to the MCC is shown by comparative wicket totals of the fast and slow men. Of the 143 wickets taken so far 113 have fallen to speed.

Bob Appleyard is the top spinner. He is third in the averages with 13 wickets at 22.77 each.

Fourth, but with the third highest aggregate, is Trevor Bailey. He has taken 22 wickets. All-rounder Bailey is also fifth in the batting.

Alec Bedser, still not fully recovered from the shingles which attacked him right at the start of tour, is last in bowling. His eight wickets have cost 44.5 runs each.

(London Express Service.)

## Ted "Kid" Lewis Has A New Job Now

Ted "Kid" Lewis has a new job now—but he won't make the £200,000 to £300,000 he made as World Welterweight Champion.

Now the ex-fighter's the man who hands you the change and the package of cigarettes in a Marylebone tobacconists' shop. And he hopes to become an inspector for the firm and do some travelling for them.

The "Aldgate Juggernaut" has used his boxing motto—"try everything"—for his career. "I've done everything," he says, "and since his gambling unsuccessful losses from boxing ventures drew him into bankruptcy in 1924—when he was only 28."

He has been a boxing trainer, referee, publican and in 1921 he even ran for a seat in Parliament for Sir Oswald Mosley's New Party. He has just given up working for his son making TV advertising films.

His fans, who will honour him as boxer, and held the Lewis testimonial boxing match for him in 1935, will be able to applaud him in his most ignominious role when the TV film of his life is completed. (London Express Service.)

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# United States-India Air Agreement Terminated CURTAILED SERVICES ARE SCHEDULED

Auckland, Jan. 11.  
New Zealand should halt in-  
vasions of "feathered mon-  
strosities," such as the Aus-  
tralian kookaburra, before it is  
too late, writes a correspondent  
to an Auckland newspaper.

The letter-writer is one of  
several people who have seen  
kookaburras in Auckland city  
recently. Some of these people  
thought they were "feeling  
things" being unaware that a  
colony of the birds was estab-  
lished on Kowloon Island, 20 miles  
from Auckland in the Hauraki  
Gulf, about the middle of last  
century.

The birds seem to be increas-  
ing in numbers and spreading  
to new districts from the  
vicinity of the island, where  
Governor Sir George Grey  
liberated small shipments be-  
tween 1866 and 1880.

The correspondent fears that  
the birds may drive away na-  
tive birds. "Enemies are few  
and the laughing jackasses are  
hardly cunning and adaptable  
and more than a match for any-  
thing they encounter here,"—  
China Mail Special.

## Ancient Sword Found

Ulm, Jan. 11.  
United States soldier Eugene  
T. Gazzola, of Chicago, Illinois,  
found a 40-inch officer's sword  
dating from the Franco-Prussian  
War while "digging in" during  
a practice alert here.

The sword, caked with rust,  
bore the Wuertemberg royal  
crest engraved on the hand  
guard. Gazzola plans to have it  
cleaned and mounted to take  
home when he leaves Europe.—  
China Mail Special.

Washington, Jan. 11.  
The United States announced termination to-  
day of its air transport agreement with India but  
said that American airlines will continue their ser-  
vices to and through India on a curtailed basis.

"Further discussions will be held at an appro-  
priate time with a view to reaching an understand-  
ing on the terms of a new air transport agree-  
ment," the State Department said.

The announcement said that  
India issued temporary permits  
for landing and passage of  
Pan-American and Trans-  
World Airlines planes in India  
when "divergent points of  
view" between United States  
and Indian negotiators pre-  
vented renewal of a 1946 agree-  
ment prior to its termination on  
January 14, 1955.

Pan-American and TWA may  
operate two round-trip flights  
weekly to and through India  
under the interim arrangement.  
In the past each company has  
been operating three round-trips  
weekly. Pan American will  
divide its two trips between  
New Delhi and Calcutta. TWA  
will serve Bombay on both  
flights.

The State Department said  
that the United States-Indian  
conversations "were carried on  
in a very friendly and co-  
operative spirit and in recog-  
nition of the value to both coun-  
tries of uninterrupted air trans-  
port service between them."

## NO TIME

"It was, however, not  
found possible in the time  
available at this stage to  
reconcile divergent points of  
view," it added.—United  
Press.

## Effort To Break Reparations Deadlock

Tokyo, Jan. 11.  
The Japanese Foreign  
Office may shortly recall  
the Japanese Minister in  
Manila, Mr. Katsumi Ono,  
in a step to break the pre-  
sent stalemate in the  
Japan-Philippines repara-  
tions negotiations, accord-  
ing to Japanese press re-  
ports today.

No comment was immediately  
available on reports from the  
Japanese Foreign Office.

The reports said that Mr. Ono,  
who has headed the Japanese  
reparations talks in Manila, has  
expressed the desire to resign  
from his post.

The reports said he is expected  
to return home late this month  
or early next month.

Reports, quoting informed  
Japanese circles, said Mr.  
Mamoru Nagano, who has been  
proposed as special envoy to  
Manila, was expected to receive  
orders to leave for the Philip-  
pines after the dissolution of  
Parliament, expected at the  
end of this month.

The reports added that the  
Foreign Office was expected to  
send Counselor Tetsuo Uraha,  
former chief of the third section  
of the Asian Bureau, in the  
Foreign Office, to its overseas  
office in Manila.—China Mail  
Special.

## Import-Export Bank Report

Washington, Jan. 11.  
The Export-Import Bank,  
reports that in the last six  
months of 1954 it made new  
loan commitments totalling \$289,-  
000,000 to promote those already  
authorized in the same period.  
From the time of its establish-  
ment the Bank has authorized \$9,-  
800,000,000 in loans of which  
\$4,800,000,000 has been dis-  
bursed and \$2,100,000,000 has  
been repaid.

The Bank said that as of  
Dec. 31, 1954, 291 loans were  
outstanding in 49 countries.  
These loans amounted to \$2,-  
800,000,000 with the remaining  
\$691,000,000 to be disbursed.  
At the end of the year, the  
Bank reported, its uncommitted  
lending authority stood at  
\$1,600,000,000. Public law 570,  
under which the Bank operates,  
increased its lending authority  
by \$500,000,000 to a total of  
\$2,000,000,000 in Aug. 1954.—  
United Press.

## Death Sentences Commuted

Cairo, Jan. 11.  
The Egyptian Revolution  
Command Council tonight com-  
muted to life imprisonment  
with hard labour the death  
sentences passed on three  
Muslim Brotherhood members  
last Sunday by the People's  
Tribunal.  
Mohammed Shaker Radwan,  
alleged chief of the secret  
organization in northern Cairo,  
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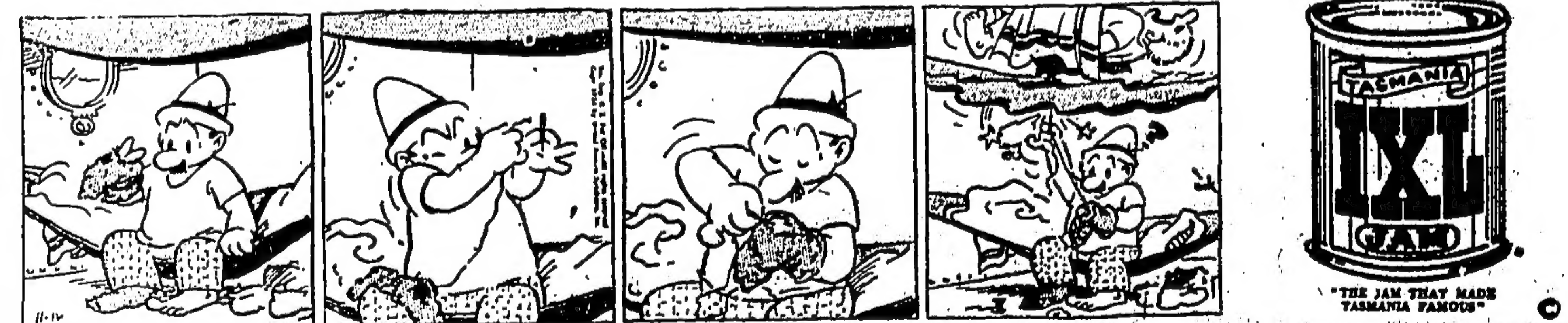
## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



## FERD'NAND

By Milk



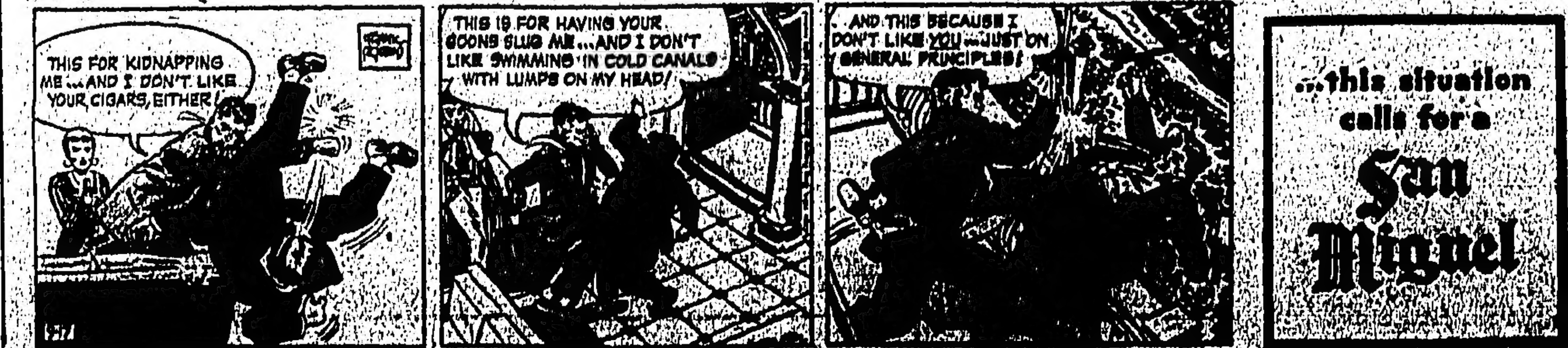
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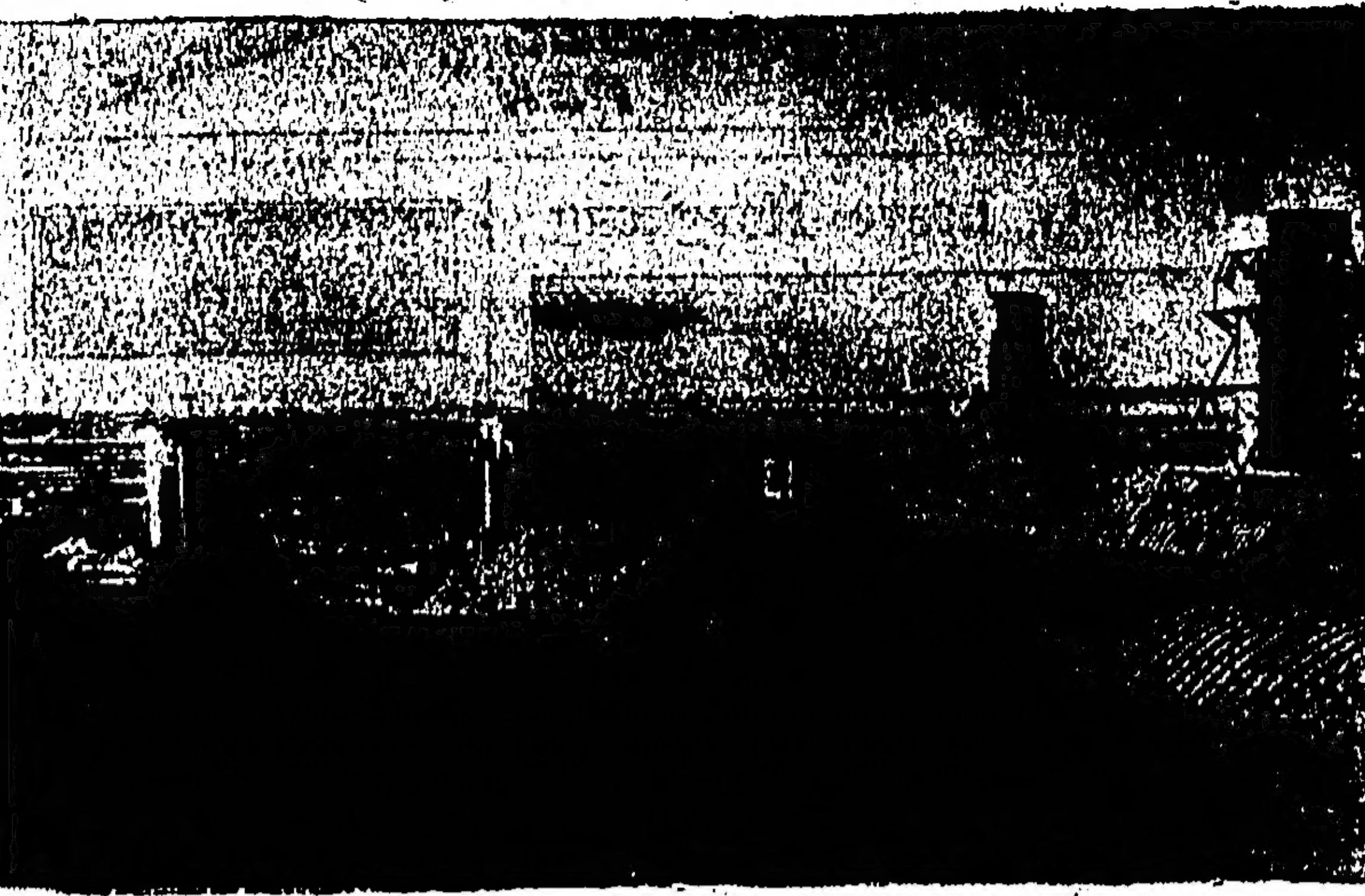
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# Finland's Policy Approved By The Russians

The Finns' policy of "trade with the East and think with the West" has won new approval from the Soviet Government.

Mr Anstasi Mikoian, the Soviet Minister of Trade, who has been visiting Finland, made it clear repeatedly in public speeches that he is well pleased with Finnish-Soviet trade relations. The Finns had invited him to inspect shipyards and factories working on Soviet orders and this is all he did, authoritative sources say.

He raised no claims, made no complaints, but found many things to praise. Mr Urho Kekkonen, the Prime Minister, and other Finnish politicians greeted in their speeches of welcome to Mr Mikoian how satisfied they were with the Soviet Union, which has now ousted Britain as Finland's principal trading partner.

Yet the Finns were able, at the same time, to reject Russia's invitation to a European security conference. They told her that they would only come in if the rest of the Western world came.

Mr Mikoian showed no displeasure, or even disapproval, over this decision. Nor did his Government make any attempt to persuade the Finns to attend the reduced conference of Communist states, which was later held in Moscow.

Nor, again, was Mr Mikoian shocked when the Finns stressed the difference between the Soviet regime and their own free Western institutions. As Mr Kekkonen stated, Finland and the Soviet Union are a good example in other nations striving to reach agreement despite differences in their way of life and military strength.

Many foreign visitors to Finland have expressed fears that Soviet trade penetration into Finland will be followed by political penetration. The Finns, very jealous of their Western civilisation, refute these suggestions.

As Mr Gunnar Palmroth, chief of the Commercial Division of the Foreign Ministry, recently declared in the Bank of Finland's monthly bulletin, Finland's foreign trade inclines naturally towards the East because of her geographical position.

In Tass's days, 30 to 40 per cent of Finland's total foreign trade was with Soviet Russia. Yet she had sufficient political autonomy and independence to offer asylum to the early Bolsheviks fleeing from the imperial secret police.

Today, only 25 per cent of Finland's trade is with the Soviet Union. Britain, with about 23 per cent, comes a close second and hard after her come West Germany, the United States, the Netherlands and France.

The prices are too high. The Soviet Government is willing to pay them because it needs the goods for its own economy and cannot obtain them in sufficient quantities elsewhere.

These new Finnish industries, mainly shipbuilding and engineering, were built up to replace Soviet Russia's 300,000,000 dollars (about £10,000,000) worth of reparations goods which the Finns undertook to supply under the postwar settlement.

When the last truckload of reparations had rolled over the frontier, the Finns found that they had factories and yards geared to turn out woodworking machinery, electrical equipment, sea-going tugs, trawlers, merchant ships and ice-breakers. Unless markets could be found for these products, the men making them would be thrown out of work and form a little army of discontent in a country striving to recover from two ruinous wars in five years.

A new long term agreement provides for Finnish-Soviet trade up to 1960. Under it, Finland's exports to the Soviet Union will be raised from 34,000 million marks (about £50,000,000) in 1950 to 37,800 million marks (about £55,000,000) in 1960.

Her imports from the Soviet Union were raised from 24,000 million marks (about £35,000,000) in 1950 to about 28,000 million marks (about £40,000,000) in 1960.

These increases are moderate since Finland's exports to the Soviet Union totalled 24,930 million marks and her imports from her 19,009 million marks alone in the first nine months of this year, the latest period for which figures are available.

Nor will there be much change in the composition of the deliveries.

Finland will send Russia ships, metal goods, engineering products and electrical equipment, and receive from her grain, liquid and solid fuel, metal and rolling mill products and other raw materials, and requisites for her own production.

Prices, as now, will be fixed in rubles on the basis of world market prices. The difference between Finland's exports and imports will be covered by triangular agreements in which

Poland, Hungary or some other East European state will be the third party.

The Soviet Union, when settling with Finland will pay her in freely convertible foreign currency to the value of 2,300 million marks (about £3,500,000) a year.

Political relations between the two countries have not been chartered as clearly as their trade. There are signs, however, that as there is no increase in tension between the Great Powers, the Finns will be allowed to continue their free political life on the Soviet Union's doorstep.

They have had five different Governments in the past three years, all of them right wing and all able to maintain cordial relations with Moscow. Finnish politicians, who, immediately after the war, were branded as "warmongers" and "fascists" in the Soviet press, are now winned and dined in Moscow.—China Mail Special.

## Chicago Grain Prices

Chicago, Jan. 11. Prices per bushel in cents: Closing prices

Wheat, No. 2, red		
Spot	23 1/2	23 1/2
Mar.	23 1/2 (H)	23 1/2 (L)
May	23 1/2	23 1/2
July	23 1/2	23 1/2
Sept.	23 1/2	23 1/2
Nov.	23 1/2	23 1/2
Corn, No. 2, yellow		
Spot	15 1/2	15 1/2
Mar.	15 1/2	15 1/2
May	15 1/2	15 1/2
July	15 1/2	15 1/2
Sept.	15 1/2	15 1/2
Nov.	15 1/2	15 1/2
Rye		
Mar.	11 1/2	11 1/2
May	12 1/2	12 1/2
Oats		
Mar.	7 1/2	7 1/2
May	7 1/2	7 1/2
Soybeans, No. 2, yellow		
Spot	27 1/2	27 1/2
Jan.	27 1/2	27 1/2
Mar.	27 1/2	27 1/2
May	27 1/2	27 1/2
July	27 1/2	27 1/2
Sept.	27 1/2	27 1/2
Nov.	27 1/2	27 1/2
Barley		
Spot	13 1/2	13 1/2



